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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to Legislative Assembly starred question No. 48 tabled by Sri M. S. Mogral, M.L.A."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" How long will it take for the Government to consider this most important question? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Having considered it most important, I said it was under very, very active consideration of the Government."

SRI L. C. PAIS :—" Having regard to the fact that some little time may be taken for bringing in this necessary legislation, may I ask whether it will not be necessary for the Government immediately to bring in interim legislation to prevent the eviction of tenants? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We are giving very immediate consideration to the matter."

Salary of Public Service Commission candidates on reappointment.

* 51 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that an ousted Public Service Commission candidate when he is reappointed, has often to start on a salary lower than that which he may have drawn at the time of his being ousted; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to change this rule?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) Non-continuous officiating service does not count for increment in a time-scale under the Fundamental Rules and so it may happen that a person on reappointment draws less than what he was drawing when ousted.

" (b) There is no proposal to change the relevant rule. It is always, however, open to Government to condone any break in service so that officiating service prior to the break can be counted for increment in deserving cases."

Suspension of certain Gazetted officers of the Forest department.

* 52 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many Gazetted officers of the Forest department were suspended on charges of corruption during the period 1952–53;

(b) how many of such officers were eventually dismissed from service; and

(c) how many of such officers were made to retire compulsorily?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No gazetted officer in the Forest department was placed under suspension during the period 1952–53.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

Cost of the revision of electoral rolls for 1952.

* 53 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount involved in preparing the annual revision of electoral rolls for the year 1952 in Madras State? 12 noon.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The total expenditure incurred in connexion with the annual revision and printing of the electoral rolls for both the Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies and the Council constituencies in 1952 in the composite State of Madras is approximately Rs. 36,75,000. Out of this amount a sum of Rs. 35,65,000 relates to the Assembly and Parliamentary rolls while the balance of Rs. 1,10,000 relates to the Council rolls.

As the Government of India bear 50 per cent of the total expenditure incurred on the annual revision and printing of electoral rolls for the Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies, a sum of Rs. 17,83,000 roundly is recoverable from them for the 1952 revision. The expenditure on the revision and printing of the electoral rolls for the Council constituencies, viz., Rs. 1,10,000 referred to above is entirely borne by the State Government."

Rural Welfare Scheme in the South Arcot district.

* 54 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the amount spent under the Rural Welfare Scheme during 1952–53 in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Rs. 1,38,306."

Admission to the Government College, Kumbakonam.

* 55 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of candidates admitted this year to the Government College, Kumbakonam, in the I and III University Classes;

(b) the number of admitted candidates belonging to the Backward Classes, and Harijans in each of these classes;

(c) the number of candidates in each of these classes belonging to Backward Classes and admitted on merit and by reservation separately; and

(d) the number of candidates in each of these classes belonging to Scheduled Castes and admitted on merit and by reservation separately?